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REMARKS

The amendments to the Specification are supported by the Specification, Claims and Drawings as originally filed and do not add new matter. The paragraph starting at the bottom of page 7 is being amended to correct a clerical error. The reference numbers **252** and **253** were erroneously added to the description of an embodiment of collar **204**. Instead, as can be seen in Figure 2, and in the first full paragraph on page 11, these reference numbers indicate the retaining ring and a split along its circumference. The addition of the sentence "[t]he retaining ring **252** has a split **253** along its circumference" to the first full paragraph on page 11 is supported by Figure 2, which shows the retaining ring having a split along its circumference. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the Specification.

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CONCLUSION


Allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments or remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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